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C E M A E S R U R A L D I S T R I C T
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1955



To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1955.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....1955.....
9,050.....

	<u>Cemaes R. D.</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Cemaes R.D.</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	14.8	14.04	17.07	15.0
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	14.4	15.4	12.44	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	22.3	47.2	23.73	24.9

Causes of Death

	M.	F.
TOTAL (All Causes)	64	67
Cancer	8	11
Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	12
Coronary disease, angina	11	6
Hypertension with heart disease	2	-
Other heart disease	15	15
Other circulatory disease	2	2
Influenza	-	4
Bronchitis	3	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Congenital malformations	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	9
Motor Vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	2	2
Suicide	1	-

As in 1954 the Birth Rate is lower than that for the County of Pembroke and for the whole of England and Wales but there has been a considerable decrease in the infant mortality rate. There were four deaths of infants under the age of one year old of which three were under 4 weeks old. Two of the deaths were due to congenital heart disease, one to prematurity and the other to spina bifida.

The Death Rate is higher than that for Pembroke County or for the whole of the country. Approximately 24.4% of the total number of deaths occurred in persons over the age of 70 years, while approximately 16% were of persons over 80 years of age.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Scarlet Fever	5	Whooping Cough	73	Measles	95
Pneumonia	6	Acute Poliomyelitis	1	Non-Paralytic Poliomyelitis	1

The case notified as Acute Poliomyelitis was finally diagnosed as non-paralytic poliomyelitis.

TUBERCULOSIS

One case of non-respiratory Tuberculosis was notified during the year and four cases of respiratory Tuberculosis, one of which had been transferred from another area.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Free vaccination against Smallpox is offered to all babies and any other persons for whom it may be advisable. This is carried out by the local Doctors, who are paid by the County Council for notification of either successful vaccination or failure after the second attempt. Records were received of 70 primary and 9 secondary vaccinations during the year.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. VACCINATION

B.C.G. Vaccination of school leavers, that is, children aged thirteen years, was commenced during the Autumn Term and it is hoped to vaccinate all the children whose parents so wish during the school year. B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts has been carried out in the area by Dr. Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician since 1950.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

This is also carried out by the local practitioners who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards. Record cards were received of the immunisation of 100 children and 47 reinforcing injections.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1946

Removal to suitable premises of person in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

WATER SUPPLY

The number of houses and other properties supplied with water from the Council's mains at the end of 1955 was :-

Brynm	10	Bridell	20	Capel Colman	23
Castellan	51	Gilgerran	175	Cilrhedyn W.	-

Alpyst	66	Dinas Cross	182	Eglwyswrw	35
Llanfihangel Penbedw	31	Llanfyrnach	194	Llantced	4
Llanfychlwyllog	5	Llanfair Nantgwyn	19	Mancerdeifi	52
Llwyn	16	Mcnington	-	Mcylegreve	23
Llwyn	42	Newport	429	Penrith	11
St. Degmaels	324	Whitechurch	9		

Water samples sent for bacteriological examination :-

Private Supplies.

Number taken	5	Satisfactory	3	Unsatisfactory	2
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Public Supplies

Number taken	23	Satisfactory	20	Unsatisfactory	3
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SEWERAGE

During the year sewerage extensions to Dandre, King St and Keeping Stone, Newport were completed.

HOUSING

Thirty Council Houses were completed and occupied during 1933 i.e. 12 at Crymmych, 10 at Newchapel and 8 at Boncath. Eleven private houses were also completed.


WASTE DISPOSAL

A weekly collection is made throughout most of the district. There are three tips, one at Cilgerran, one at St. Degmaels and one at Newport.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

PHYLLIS M. BOWEN
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.O.M.



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Particulars of Sanitary Inspector's Work.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	-	29
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column	-	29
No. of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	-	1
No. of dwellinghouses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column)	-	7
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	-	2

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 & 16.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-	Nil
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners)	-	Nil

Public Health Acts.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	-	3
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners)	-	3

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 & 13

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	-	Nil
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	-	Nil

Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	-	Nil
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HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	-	2
No. of families dwelling therein	-	2
No. of persons dwelling therein	-	11
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	-	2
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	-	4.
No. of persons concerned in such cases	-	17

SANITARY INSPECTION

No. of complaints received	17
No. of defects of nuisances discovered	9

Summary of Inspections

Dwelling Houses :-

No. of inspections arising from housing applications	35
No. of inspections under Housing Act, 1936	10
No. of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	70
No. of inspections under Public Health Act	10
Drainage	27
Infectious Disease Enquiries and Disinfections	10
Forts, Vans, sheds etc.	29
Schools	74
Factories (including bakehouses)	42
Shops (including ice-cream premises)	21
Refuse disposal	7
Water supplies	13
Miscellaneous	33

No. of Notices served.

Preliminary :	Housing	Nil
	Other	Nil
Statutory :	Housing	Nil
	Other	Nil

Summary Action

Summonses issued	Nil
Convictions obtained	Nil

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

No. of Registered Retailers	8
No. of inspections	24

MILK SAMPLES

Satisfactory	58	Unsatisfactory	2
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PERMITS

Licensed to use the designation Tuberculin Tested 8

MILK BRAND

No. of samples taken	Nil
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CONDEMNED FOOD

It was found necessary to condemn 58lbs of food stuffs unfit for human consumption during the year.

RODENT DESTRUCTION

The Council does not employ a rodent operator. The refuse

are treated very satisfactorily by the Pembrokeshire Agriculture Executive Committee resident operators.

I investigate any complaints from householders, and advise to poison or trap as necessary.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	Nil	20	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	Nil	20	Nil	Nil

T.L. BOWEN

Sanitary Inspector.

